



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: METHOD OF FABRICATING AN OPTICAL FIBER WITH CONTROLLED TRANSMISSION CHARACTERISTICS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2004¹, along with a Petition for Extension of Time and appropriate fee, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Request, claims 1-8 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims define patentable subject matter.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by newly cited Presby (U.S. Patent No. 4,362,943). Claims 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Presby in view of Dudderar et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,102,661; hereafter "Dudderar"). Applicant respectfully traverses the prior art rejections.

¹ Please note that since the due date of August 22, 2004 fell on a Sunday, this Response is being **timely** filed on the next business day of Monday, August 23, 2004.